GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
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POLICY ON SAND MINING
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government proposes to review the policy on sand mining in the country as per recommendations of the committee headed by Prof. U.K. Choudhary;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the other important aspects of the recommendations of the said committee; and

(c) the time by which the said revised policy is likely to be implemented in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINES AND STEEL (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

(a) : No, Madam. The Ministry of Mines has not set-up any Committee to review the policy on sand mining in the country.

Section 15 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, empowers state governments to frame rules for regulating the grant of quarry leases, mining leases or other mineral concessions in respect of minor minerals, including sand, and for purposes connected therewith,

As such, the regulation of grant of mineral concessions in respect of minor minerals, including sand, comes under the legislative and administrative jurisdiction of state governments.

(b)& (c): Does not arise in view of reply given to (a) above.